

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1, 4, and 6 through 12 are pending, with Claims 1, 11, and 12 being independent. Claims 3 and 5 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 4, 11, and 12 have been amended. The Examiner's attention is directed, by way of example and not of limitation, to the 3rd embodiment.

Claims 1, 3 through 8, and 10 through 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over US 2002/0162111 A1 (Shimizu, et al.) in view of US 2004/0139462 A1 (Hannuksela, et al.). Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Shimizu, et al. in view of Hannuksela, et al. and US 6,452,943 B1 (Furuya). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 11, and 12 recite, *inter alia*, restarting the output of the video data from a start position placed *preceding* to the interruption position on the stream broadcast, in response to an amount of buffering having reached a predetermined amount after stopping the output.

However, Applicants respectfully submit that none of Shimizu, et al., Hannuksela, et al., and Furuya, even in the proposed combinations, assuming, *arguendo*, that such could be combined, discloses or suggests at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, *inter alia*, in Claims 1, 11, and 12.

The Official Action refers, e.g., to Shimizu, et al.'s Fig. 7B for showing an insertable point, but Applicants respectfully submit that such does not describe or suggest restarting from a start position placed *preceding* to the interruption position in the manner claimed.

Applicants further respectfully submit that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited documents that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive

at such features.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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